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General

Employment of ex-army men in the Civil Service.

* 197 *Q.*—Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether any arrangements have been made for the employment of ex-army soldiers and their sons of the lately disbanded Madras Pioneer Regiment in the Civil department as peons, etc.; if so, the number of persons entertained in each district during the period from 1st January 1933?

A.—The Government have issued instructions to all heads of departments that men prematurely discharged from the Madras Pioneers should be preferred to non-ex-army men in the matter of civil employment, provided they possess the prescribed qualifications and their employment is permissible under the Statutory Rules. As regards the employment of the sons of those so discharged, instructions have also been issued to all heads of departments that, other things being equal, the status of a candidate's family and his family connexions should be given due weight in the matter of selection.

The Government have no information as to how many of those discharged from the Madras Pioneers and their sons have secured appointments under Government.

Irrigation

Execution and cost of the Cauvery-Mettur Project.

* 198 *Q.*—Mr. A. Harischandrudu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the actual dates on which the Mettur works were commenced and completed;

(*b*) what the total amount spent was on this for completion;

(*c*) how the Government met the expenditure on these works, i.e., whether from the Provincial revenues or otherwise;

(*d*) how many acres of land are brought under cultivation under this project;

(*e*) what the districts are that are benefited by the works;

(*f*) what the income estimated to be derived was from this project when the estimate was sanctioned; and

(*g*) what the income expected to be derived is in the first year?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The project works have not yet been completed. They were commenced in 1925.

(*c*) The expenditure up to 1932–33 was met from loans taken from the Provincial Loans Fund of the Government of India. The expenditure in the current year will be met partly from the unspent balance of loan taken for it during 1932–33 and partly from the Revenue balance.